



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Tsukasa Kobayashi, et al.      **Examiner:** Bradford C. Pantuck  
**Serial No:** 10/091,894      **Art Unit:** 3731  
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**For:** APPARATUS FOR LIGATING  
LIVING TISSUES      **Dated:** June 13, 2005  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

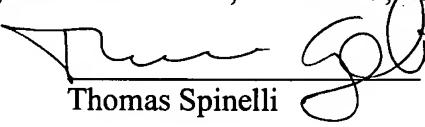
In response to the Official Action dated December 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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